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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1733**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07040.0116

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Marco Nahmias NANNI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1733
Application No.: 10/038,622) Examiner: Adrienne C. Johnstone
Filed: January 8, 2002)
For: HIGH PERFORMANCE TYRE)
WITH TREAD BAND HAVING AN)
ANISOTROPIC UNDERLAYER)
STABLE UPON TEMPERATURE)
VARIATION)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.